



Berniece B. Power

December 14, 1928 - January 11, 2020

Berniece Bernadine (Zajic) Power, age 91, of Kearney, passed away Saturday, January 11th, 2020 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Visitation will be held at Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral Home Wednesday, January 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by a rosary/scripture reading service beginning at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney with Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com. to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

Berniece was born December 14th, 1928 to Vencle and Elizabeth (Kudrna) Zajic in Red Cloud, Nebraska. She later met the love of her life, James Lowell Power in Imperial, Nebraska where they were married on February 17th, 1947. In 1958, the couple moved to Kearney where they resided for the rest of their lives.

Berniece was an amazing person. She was a strong woman who raised an incredible family. It was important to her that her children were educated, treated others with respect, gave back to society, and had a strong faith. Berniece had a wonderful sense of humor and a beautiful heart. She was the queen of tea parties, loved singing and dancing to "School Days" to get children ready for school, and was always ready for a witty comeback.

Beautiful Berniece, BB, was what she liked to be called by her family. She loved to read the paper, drink coffee, enjoy a piece of pie, and to play cards – with pitch being her favorite.

She had a long legacy, having achieved a family of 5 generations. Berniece was blessed with 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Her faith was evident to anyone who had the privilege of meeting her. She made everyone feel special with her infectious smile. No one was ever excluded when she was around.

She was proud to be a charter member of the original Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney, to touch many young lives by teaching Sunday school for many, many years, and to be a past Regent and member of the Catholic Daughters of Americas St. James Court. Berniece was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary Club in Kearney. She was also proud to hold the honor of having longest span of years to have children enrolled at Kearney Catholic High School.

Many people knew her as the ‘candy counter lady’ at Kaufmann and Wernert’s store in downtown Kearney where she was employed for 17 years. Still to this day, people continued to recognize her from their school days from many years ago. Numerous others were fortunate to have been raised by and influenced by her as their daycare provider. She touched over 100 lives as she provided daycare for a span of over 30 years. Berniece loved those children as her very own and cherished the relationships she developed with their families. She will be missed by many.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Gloria Ourada-Simonson (George) of Elm Creek; Alton Power of Spring, Texas; Joseph Power (Kelli) of Lincoln; Jeffery Power (Heather) of Reno, Nevada; Jannette Arram (Amer) of Kearney; 15 grandchildren, Amy Mostek (Pat) Elm Creek; Amber Dorsey (Corbey) of Kearney; Preston Power (Helen) of Lincoln; Phillip Power (Krystallin) of Omaha; Meredith Curran (Kevin) Iowa; Jillian Power of Lincoln; Ashley Scholz (Trevor) of Lincoln; Nichole Cowell (Jacobee) of Lincoln; Alex and Zach Power of Reno, Nevada; Joseph, Christina, and Lilly Arram all of

Kearney; Randy Simonson of San Francisco, California; Jennifer Simonson of Lincoln; 11 great grandchildren, MacKayla Hemmingsen (Tanner) of Elm Creek; Nickolas Mostek of Kearney; Keagan and Kaeden Dorsey of Kearney; Augustine and Ambrose Power of Omaha; Callum and Sage Curran of Iowa; Blake Scholz, Kylie and Chloe Cowell of Lincoln; 2 great-great grandchildren, Forrest and Ronan Hemmingsen of Elm Creek.

There is no doubt she is smiling down from heaven as she joins her husband, James Lowell Power Sr., her son, James Power Jr. and her son-in-law Nickolas Ourada in the Kingdom of God.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Christian Wake Service

JAN 15. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Berniece B. Power*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dan Kelley lit a candle in memory of Berniece B. Power*



dan kelley - January 15, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *From our families: Janelle, Selena, Chan, J.D. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Berniece B. Power.*



From our families: Janelle, Selena, Chan, J.D. - January 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berniece B. Power.*



January 15, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CF

“ *Connie Nipp and Colleen Dalton and families purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Berniece B. Power.*



Connie Nipp and Colleen Dalton and families - January 15, 2020 at 01:34 PM

SR

“ *I had the privilege of caring for Berniece on more than one occasion. Even when in pain and feeling lousy she maintained her sweet outlook on life. She was kind and treated others as she would want herself to be treated. She had a great sense of humor and I admired her enormously.*

Shawn Riley - January 14, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Berniece B. Power.*



January 14, 2020 at 06:09 PM



Michele
'Benson'
Holmes

“ *I can remember your mom from the candy counter and from when my mom, Nadine Benson, cared for Joe and I think Jeff. Prayers for the family*



Michele 'Benson' Holmes - January 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM

RS

“ *Berniece was such a special person to so many of us. Her caring nature, devotion to her faith and family, and infectious personality are truly an example for all. I can never thank her enough for the care she showed me, and the interest she always had in where I was and what I was doing.*

Love to all of you and thanks for sharing your mom with so many.

Richard Shanahan - January 14, 2020 at 02:52 PM

MS

What Richard warps it up in a nut shell loved her and all her family she will be greatly missed by me and many of my family thank you berniece

Mary Stubbs - January 15, 2020 at 06:46 PM

GS

“ *Gary & Carrie Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Berniece B. Power.*



Gary & Carrie Smith - January 14, 2020 at 12:35 PM

AS

“ *Angie Shultz-Schroer lit a candle in memory of Berniece B. Power*



Angie Shultz-Schroer - January 13, 2020 at 10:47 PM

JA

“ My mother was the most caring human being. I feel blessed to have had her as a role model. She made sure we all valued family and God. My mother encouraged us to do our best. Her children getting an education and being able to contribute was very important to her. May she be rewarded in heaven for all her good deeds and watch over us.

Jannette Arram - January 13, 2020 at 07:59 PM

MS

Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all.
Mandi Shultz-Vasquez

Mandi Shultz-Vasquez - January 13, 2020 at 11:18 PM

JK

She was an amazing person and we feel blessed to have met her. Our hearts are heavy as it is difficult losing a parent at any age. It's our faith in God that gets us through these difficult times- and knowing that we will see them again and in heaven. Thoughts and prayers. Love- The Koerner's

Jaunita Koerner - January 14, 2020 at 10:27 PM